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*New England. What It Is and What It Is To Be.* Edited by GEORGE FRENCH. (Boston: Boston Chamber of Commerce. 1911. Pp. xii, 431. \$1.50.)

This volume, edited and published under the direction of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, is symbolic of the high rank of that organization. The book, compared with others of its kind, is of exceptional merit. It expresses the desire to acquaint the people of New England with their own section of the United States, and to furnish them with the means to acquaint others. It does not presume to be an historical or descriptive work resulting from the research of a single author. It represents the contributions of many men, a few of whom are recognized as men of research and authorship, and others of whom as men of experience, in the fields of their respective contributions. It is neither a history of achievements, a catalogue of opportunities nor an estimate of the future—though it is something of each. While not entirely free from self-consciousness, the facts and possibilities presented—and this is its distinction among books of the kind—are soberly stated. The volume considers among others the following phases of New England: manufacturing; agriculture; commerce; water-power; soils; forestry; transportation; workmen; good roads; industrial Boston; possibilities of future development.

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*History of Fall River, Massachusetts.* Compiled by HENRY M. FENNER. (Fall River: Fall River Merchants' Association. 1911. Pp. 106. \$.50.)

This brochure was prepared under the direction of the historical committee of the Merchants' Association upon the occasion of the cotton centennial, held at Fall River last June, to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the beginning of cotton manufacturing in that place. It contains a description of the physical environment of Fall River, an historical account of its settlement and growth as a town and later as a city, and a brief sketch of early cotton manufacturing and other industries, of the development of water power, and of the local banks, schools, churches and municipal departments. The committee expresses the hope that its work may be the basis of a more extensive his-